

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting Designations Under the Kingpin Act

May 30, 2008

Dear _____:

This report to the Congress, under section 804(b) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act, 21 U.S.C. 1901–1908 (the “Kingpin Act”), transmits my designations of the following four foreign persons and three foreign entities as appropriate for sanctions under the Kingpin Act and reports my direction of sanctions against them under that Act:

Haji Asad Khan Zarkari Mohammadhasni
Hermagoras Gonzalez Polanco
Cumhur Yakut
Marcos Arturo Beltran Leyva
Beltran Leyva Organization
PKK (KCK, Kongra-Gel, formerly
Kurdistan Workers’ Party)
’Ndrangheta Organization
Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to John D. Rockefeller IV, chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; Patrick J. Leahy, chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Joseph R. Biden, Jr., chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Carl Levin, chairman, Senate Committee on Armed Services; Max S. Baucus, chairman, Senate Committee on Finance; Silvestre Reyes, chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; John Conyers, Jr., chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary; Howard L. Berman, chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs; Ike Skelton, chairman, House Committee on Armed Services; and Charles B. Rangel, chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 24

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

May 25

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

May 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Arlington, VA, where they participated in a Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Colorado and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on May 22.

May 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Kirtland Air Force Base, NM, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Fran MacIntyre.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM, where, at a private residence, he attended a White for Congress and New Mexico Victory luncheon. Later, he traveled to Phoenix, AZ, where, upon arrival, he met with four generations of Eagle Scouts: Thomas S. Boggess, Jr., Thomas S. Boggess III, Thomas S. Boggess IV, and Thomas S. Boggess V. He then met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Tamara Skinner.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Mesa, AZ. He then returned to Phoenix, AZ, where, at a private residence, he attended a McCain for President and Republican National Committee Victory reception.

In the evening, the President traveled to Colorado Springs, CO.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on May 25 and continuing.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Leon H. Sullivan Summit VIII in Arusha, Tanzania, on June 2: Dirk Kempthorne (head of delegation); Mark A. Green; Jendayi E. Frazer; John A. Simon; Michael S. Steele; Edward W. "Ward" Brehm III; and Melinda Doolittle.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Culbertson to be Ambassador to the Netherlands.

The President announced his intention to nominate W. Stuart Symington to be Ambassador to Rwanda.

May 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he participated in a photo opportunity with members of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Salt Lake City, UT, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Richard Pehrson. Then, at a private residence, he attended a McCain for President and Republican National Committee Victory reception. Later, he traveled to Park City, UT.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a McCain for President and Republican National Committee Victory reception.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on April 4.

May 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Worldwide Headquarters in Salt Lake City, UT, where he met with Thomas S. Monson, president, Henry B. Eyring, first counselor, and Dieter F. Uchtdorf, second counselor, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He then traveled to Olathe, KS, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Ashley Knight.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Bucyrus, KS, where, at a private residence, he attended a Nick Jordan for Congress and Kansas Victory reception. He then returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines to the White House on June 24.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alan W. Eastham, Jr., to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting: Lori Gilbert; Cheryl Feldman Halpern; David J. Pryor; Bruce M. Ramer; and Liz Sembler.

The President announced his intention to appoint Don A. Christiansen as a member of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Arnold Fields as Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

The President announced his intention to designate Clay Lowery as Acting U.S. Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

May 30

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to discuss Pakistan-U.S. relations and the war on terror. He then had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Nebraska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding from April 23–26.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.